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## Central Intelligence Agency



Washington, D.C. 20505

15 June 1987

Mr. Melvin R. Laird, Chairman  
Moscow Assessment Review Panel  
United States Department of State  
Room 5214  
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Chairman Laird:

Your letter of 29 May 1987 to Judge Webster was referred to my office for action. The CIA would be pleased to offer the services of [redacted] in support of your panel on embassy security. [redacted] whom you referenced in your letter, was reassigned to other activities in 1984.

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[redacted] can speak for the Agency's screening procedures, relevant research, and general issues of suitability in secure settings. You can contact [redacted]

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Sincerely,

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[redacted]  
William F. Donnelly  
Deputy Director  
for  
Administration

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Executive Secretary

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29 May 1987

Dear Judge Webster,

As you may know, I have been designated by the President and the Secretary of State to chair a panel charged with assessing the recent security incidents at our missions in the Soviet Union. One of our lines of inquiry concerns the selection and screening of persons assigned overseas. We are interested particularly in exploring the psychological parameters involved in choosing such people. To this end, Ambassador Diego Asencio, one of our panel members, is forming a team of consultants to examine this subject, meet periodically to advise the members of the Panel and make appropriate recommendations. Ambassador Asencio understands that two of your employees, [redacted] have extensive experience in psychological screening and profiling and would like them to be part of his team. We would be most appreciative if we could avail ourselves of their services on an as needed basis until such time as a final report has been prepared for the President, in principle by the beginning of July.

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Sincerely,

Melvin R. Laird  
Chairman

Judge William Webster  
Director,  
The Central Intelligence Agency,  
Washington, D.C. 20505

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